



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 301: THEORY AND METHOD IN ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: Wednesday, 17th May 2017

TIME: 4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

1. Discuss the significance of theory in the study of Oral Literature. Give examples. (26 Marks)
2. '...in the Study of Oral Literature the lack of standard terms of agreed delimitations is sometimes regarded as a glaring defect' Ruth Finnegan. Identify and discuss some of these terminologies in the light of the above statement. (22 Marks)
3. Discuss the major methods used in Oral Literature research and explain their importance. (22 Marks)
4. Using appropriate illustrations, discuss the importance of Evolution Theory in the study of Oral Literature. (22 Marks)
5. Drawing examples from all the genres of Oral Literature, discuss the representation of Gender in your community. (22 Marks)